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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

2 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : [REDACTED]
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : NIO Monthly Warning Assessments: October

1. The reports on the NIO warning meetings are attached.
2. Comments on warning situations.

a. Poland

(1) Polish authorities are taking measures to avert a 4-hour general strike on 10 November, the second anniversary of Solidarity's recognition as an independent union. If protest demonstrations are either prevented or contained, Jaruzelski may move to lift martial law before mid-December. He has recently reaffirmed his pledge that martial law will be suspended before the end of the year if calm prevails.

(2) Formal lifting of martial law may be accompanied by such measures as restoration of a facade of civilian government, release of most of the remaining internees who have not been indicated, and an announcement that the Pope is expected to make his second visit to Poland next spring. These measures could complicate the Administration's efforts to secure West European cooperation in maintaining sanctions and to extend NATO security planning to include economic and energy policies. [REDACTED]

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b. PL0-Syria-Jordan

(1) The period leading up to the meeting of the Palestine National Council (perhaps as early as mid-November) will be a particularly sensitive one for PL0, Syrian, and Jordanian

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leaders. The Syrians are seeking to forestall a PLO-Jordanian alignment, and they may sanction terrorist incidents in Western Europe and the Middle East by radical PLO factions or attempts to assassinate Arafat. [REDACTED]

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c. Lebanon

(1) PLO moves to rebuild in northern Lebanon the military and political apparatus formerly in Beirut and southern Lebanon may provoke Israeli preemptive actions. Leadership elements evacuated from Beirut are rapidly returning to the Biqa' Valley and the Tripoli area.

(2) These PLO moves will complicate US plans to broker negotiations for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. [REDACTED]

d. USSR

(1) Brezhnev's claim that "practical preparations" are under way for the deployment of intermediate range US missiles in Western Europe may foreshadow new Soviet initiatives to defeat NATO's INF modernization plans. The Soviets may threaten to end their moratorium on SS-20 deployment, or they may declare willingness to make significant reductions in "medium-range systems" if the US, in return, agrees to cancel INF modernization.

(2) Brezhnev's reaffirmation of a "sincere" desire to normalize relations with China apparently was aimed at rallying support in the Soviet military and political leadership for new initiatives that could include a token unilateral withdrawal of forces from the Sino-Soviet border, or an offer of mutual force reductions. [REDACTED]

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Attachments:

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